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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: ISINGLASS Briefing of Mr. John E. Kirk, DDR&E

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1. On 26 April 1966 [redacted] (D/TECH/OSA) and [redacted] (SS/OSA) briefed Mr. Kirk on ISINGLASS in his office. General Giller, who had requested the briefing, also attended. Mr. Kirk is Assistant Director, DDR&E, for Space Technology and works for Dr. Fink.

2. In general, Mr. Kirk seemed very favorably impressed by the ISINGLASS idea and system and stated that it had several important advantages over the single pass orbital system with maneuverable re-entry which he has been pushing. He did express considerable doubt that the Pratt & Whitney engine could be man rated within the time period, 31 months, that we need to hold to the four year production schedule. He felt that Pratt & Whitney would probably run into problems, particularly thermal problems in the main chamber, and that there was good reason for the cautious USAF engine program at Pratt & Whitney.

3. Finally, he said he would discuss the project with Dr. Fink and perhaps arrange for both of them to be more extensively briefed by McDonnell Aircraft Corporation.

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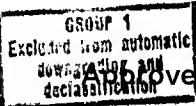
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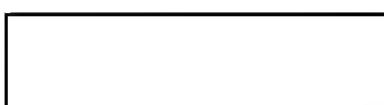
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